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MEXICO.

Report from Mazatlan—Rumors of plague and yellow fever in State of Sinaloa unfounded.

Consul Kaiser reports, December 3, through the Department of State, as follows:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatch, No. 87, under date November 19, 1903, with inclosure of letter from the honorable Secretary of the Treasury, stating that it was rumored that the bubonic plague and yellow fever were prevalent in Sinaloa, and desire to state that the rumor is false. The general health in this port is most excellent, and no reappearance of the plague is feared.

The sanitary condition of the city is also most excellent, and a watchful eye is kept on the streets and houses inhabited by the lower classes of natives by the sanitary authorities. With the system of sewerage upon which preliminary work has commenced Mazatlan will be one of the healthiest cities in this Republic.

With regard to the prevalence of yellow fever in Culiacan, the capital of this State, I would state that there have been no cases of yellow fever there since September last. These cases were very mild and caused no alarm whatever. Many doubted that it was yellow fever, and the existence of the sickness was not known here until it had disappeared.

Had these rumors been well founded I should have at once advised the Department by wire of the existence of the fever. * * *

Report from Tampico—No yellow fever reported—Stegomyia decreasing.

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Lippincott reports, December 15, as follows: Week ended December 12, 1903:

Bills of health issued.....	9
Vessels inspected and passed.....	6
Vessels disinfected and passed.....	3
Personnel of crew.....	281
Passengers.....	13
Baggage—pieces.....	22

During the week there were 18 deaths recorded from all causes, of which 4 were from pernicious fever, 2 from tuberculosis, and 12 from noncontagious causes.

No cases of or deaths from yellow fever were reported during the week. The conditions have decidedly improved and the stegomyiæ are gradually disappearing as the northerners increase.

Report from Vera Cruz—Yellow fever—No sickness on vessels in harbor.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hodgson reports, December 14, as follows:

Week ended December 12: From all causes there were reported 45 deaths. From yellow fever 2 deaths and 8 cases were recorded. There were no cases of sickness either among the passengers or crews of the vessels in the harbor.